

Sports History Quiz

Sports History · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. Which ancient civilization is credited with hosting the first recorded Olympic Games in 776 BC?

- A) The Romans
- B) The Greeks**
- C) The Egyptians
- D) The Persians

2. In which city were the first modern Olympic Games held in 1896?

- A) Paris
- B) London
- C) Athens**
- D) Rome

3. Who is known as the 'Greatest' heavyweight boxing champion, formerly known as Cassius Clay?

- A) Mike Tyson
- B) Joe Frazier
- C) Evander Holyfield
- D) Muhammad Ali**

4. What sport was invented by Dr. James Naismith in 1891 using peach baskets as goals?

- A) Basketball**
- B) Netball
- C) Volleyball
- D) Handball

5. Which sport features the 'Ashes' trophy, a legendary competition between England and Australia?

- A) Rugby
- B) Cricket**
- C) Soccer
- D) Tennis

6. In what year did Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay become the first people to reach the summit of Mount Everest?

- A) 1945
- B) 1953**
- C) 1960
- D) 1968

7. Which legendary Brazilian footballer won the FIFA World Cup three times?

- A) Ronaldinho
- B) Ronaldo
- C) Pele**
- D) Zico

8. The Tour de France is an annual multi-stage race held for which type of sport?

- A) Horse racing
- B) Motorcycling
- C) Cycling**
- D) Running

9. Who was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean?

- A) Amelia Earhart**
- B) Bessie Coleman
- C) Sally Ride
- D) Valentina Tereshkova

10. What is the name of the professional tennis tournament held annually in London at the All England Club?

- A) The US Open
- B) Wimbledon**
- C) French Open
- D) Australian Open

11. Which team sport is played on ice and uses a small, hard rubber disc called a puck?

- A) Field Hockey
- B) Lacrosse
- C) Ice Hockey**
- D) Bandy

12. In 1969, who became the first human to walk on the moon?

- A) Buzz Aldrin
- B) Yuri Gagarin
- C) Neil Armstrong**
- D) John Glenn

13. Which sport did Michael Jordan play for the majority of his professional career?

- A) Baseball
- B) Golf
- C) American Football

D) Basketball

14. The first Paralympic Games for athletes with disabilities were held in which city in 1960?

A) Rome

- B) Tokyo
- C) New York
- D) Berlin

15. What is the name of the prestigious golf tournament held annually at Augusta National Golf Club?

- A) The Open Championship
- B) The US Open

C) The Masters

- D) PGA Championship

16. Which famous sprinter won three gold medals at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, setting world records in the 100m and 200m?

- A) Carl Lewis

B) Usain Bolt

- C) Jesse Owens
- D) Tyson Gay

17. How often are the Summer Olympic Games held?

- A) Every 2 years
- B) Every 3 years

C) Every 4 years

- D) Every 5 years

18. Which sport uses a 'shuttlecock' hit back and forth over a net with rackets?

- A) Tennis
- B) Squash

C) Badminton

- D) Table Tennis

19. Jackie Robinson became a historical icon in 1947 by breaking the color barrier in which sport?

A) Major League Baseball

B) National Football League

C) National Hockey League

D) Professional Golf

20. In which country did the sport of Rugby originate?

A) New Zealand

B) England

C) Australia

D) South Africa